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PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, for what purpose do you ask recognition?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, does the entire body have to vote for the introduction of this bill as of this time now?

PRESIDENT: It requires 30 votes. Senator Dickinson, do you want a vote taken on this matter at this time ... the introduction of this bill? Are you satisfied with the attendance at this session right now to take a vote, Senator Dickinson? Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I can see that Senator Dickinson is completely at a loss as to what you're talking about. This is a bill that I asked the Public Works Committee to introduce. I have a question. Does this take a suspension of the rules and 30 votes?

PRESIDENT: I don't think it takes a suspension of the rules. Under the rules it takes 30 votes even for a committee to introduce it.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Does it take a motion to introduce the bill? I would so move.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Just one question. I don't have the slightest idea what he's introducing. I might be in a liberal mind this morning to help him.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Thank you Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: ...which is rare. Last session since I passed out material, as you recall, personally I got jumped by not following signing it and following procedure. I think the rules state that when you introduce a bill in this Legislature you put the intent and purpose on everybody's desk. Is it here? I can't find it. Let's go by the rules. I'm willing to go by the rules. Let's have everybody else go by the rules like I will.

PRESIDENT: The question is Senator Lewis' motion for the introduction of this bill. Record your vote. Senator Syas, I'm sorry. You made a formal objection then to the taking of the vote until statement of intent and purpose is made?

SENATOR SYAS: I just think we should follow the rules, but I'm not going to block it this morning. I think that every Senator should follow the rules and you should understand that. I'm not going to vote against it this morning.

PRESIDENT: Well the Chair can't do anything about that kind of a statement.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I'd hate to.... I wish he'd.... All I'm requesting is that the introducer stand up and admit that he, from now on, he'll follow the rules.